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1. A military meeting was held in Sofia on 7 August 1951 attended by Soviet Marshals Sokulovski and Panichevski¹ and Bulgarian Prime Minister Vulko Chervenkov, among others.
2. The following decisions were reportedly made at this conference:
 - a. To increase the Bulgarian Army by one armored division. The Soviet Union will furnish the necessary armored vehicles.
 - b. To reorganize the two Bulgarian motorized divisions based on the Soviet tables of organization and equipment. Thus, the divisions would include three infantry regiments rather than the present two.
 - c. To select young men from the Class of 1952 who are "ideologically trained", for service in the Bulgarian Air Force and Navy.
 - d. The Soviet Union will give to Bulgaria one destroyer escort of 950 tons and four mine-sweepers of 450 tons.

1. [] Comment: This is probably a reference to the Bulgarian Minister of Defense, Peter Panchevski.

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